Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, September 17, 2012, marks the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America at the Constitutional Convention, providing a historic opportunity for all Americans to remember the achievements of our Founding Fathers and to reflect on the actions of Americans who for the past 225 years have defined the words of the Constitution by exercising their rights and responsibilities as citizens; and,

Whereas, The Constitution is fundamentally predicated on governance by "We the People," making citizens' understanding the Constitution and its framework an essential element of the future of our country and the civic health of its populace; and,

Whereas, The National Constitution Center, America's first and only nonpartisan, nonprofit institution devoted to the Constitution, located in Philadelphia across from Independence Hall where the Constitution was drafted and signed, is the home of the 225th anniversary celebration of the Constitution; and,

Whereas, In recognition of the signing of the Constitution and of Americans who strive to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952 (36 U.S.C. 106 as amended), requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week"; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to officially recognize this remarkable document and the milestone anniversary of its creation, and the additions to it in the form of 27 amendments:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2012, as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State